GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS- Smt. K.Leelavathi, Project Director, DW&CDA and 17 others-surprise Check conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau in the O/o the Project Director, DW&CDA, Kadapa on 24.01.2014-Certain allegation of financial irregularities in procurement of eggs by payment of additional amount to the contractors and violation of tender conditions-Departmental proceedings initiated under A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991-Written Statement of Defence submitted-Appointment of Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer under Rule 24 of APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991 to conduct common Inquiry-orders-Issued.

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DEPT., FOR WOMEN,CHILDREN,DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS

G.O.RT.No. 116 Dated: 24-06-2020.

Read the following:

1. DG,ACB, Lr.Rc.No.167/RCO-TCD/2015, dated 01.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.215,216,217,218,219,220,221,222,223,224,225,226, 227,228,229,230,231, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dated 13.11.2018
3. Govt., Memo.No.12028/1/2018-Estt.A3-3,dated 12.11.2018.
4. Written Statement of Defences received from (1)Smt.P. Bharathi (2)Smt. K.Hymavathi,(3)Smt. P.Nirmala,(4) Smt.N.Hymavathi, (5)Smt. Smt.Munthaz Begum (6)Smt.S.Rajeswari Devi, (7)Smt. P. Rama Devi, (8) Smt.Sujamani ,(9) Smt.Rajamma ,(10) Smt.C.Sreemathamma, (11)Smt. Ch. Adilakshumamma,(12) Smt.G.Shantha Devi (submitted on 12.03.2020), (13) Smt.Santha Sunanda, CDPOs.

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ORDER:-

The D.G., A.C.B., in the reference first read above has informed that, on credible information, that Smt. K. Leelavathi, P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa was indulging in criminal misconduct, committing misappropriation of Govt. Revenue and converting the same for her pecuniary gain by misusing her official position etc., accordingly, a surprise check was conducted by the Bureau on the O/o .P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa, on 24.12.2014 at 10.30 A.M in the presence of the Mediators. During the surprise check, prima facie evidence was found against Smt.K.Leelavathi, who had formerly worked as P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa on the allegation that she had colluded with the contractors in supply of food articles like red gram dal and other materials and got substandard food materials for the beneficiaries. As per the conclusion of the final report of the D.G., A.C.B., it was established that 18 Accused Officers had exhibited lack of integrity as well as lack of devotion to duty and they had also exhibited conduct unbecoming of a public servant. Therefore, the DG, ACB has recommended to initiate departmental action against **AO-1 to AO-4, AO-6 and AO-8 to AO-18** for violation of Rules 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules 1964 and also recommended

to initiate departmental action under Rule No.9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980 against **AO-05 Smt. G. Santha Devi** and **AO-7 Smt. .S. Viajyalakshmi,** as they have retired from service on 31.08.2016 and 30.4.2014 respectively.

2. In the reference second read above disciplinary proceedings were initiated by framing article of charges under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against (1) Smt. K.Leelavathi, PD, DW&CDA, Kadapa,(2) Smt.Santha Sunanda,CDPO (3)Smt. Smt.P.Bharathi, CDPO (4)Smt. Smt.V.Aruna Kumari, CDPO(5) Smt.G.Shantha Devi, CDPO(6) Smt.P.Nirmala, CDPO (7) Smt. K.Hymavathi, CDPO (8)Smt.N.Hymavathi,CDPO (9) Smt.Ch.Adilakshumamma, CDPO (10)Smt.MunthazBegum, CDPO (11)Smt.E.M.S.Padmavathi, CDPO(12) Smt.S.Sreedevi,CDPO (13) Smt.S.Rajeswari Devi, CDPO (14) Smt.P.Rama Devi, CDPO (15) Smt.Sujamani , CDPO (16) Smt.Rajamma, CDPO (17) Smt.C.Sreemathamma, CDPO, on certain allegation of financial irregularities in procurement of eggs by payment of additional amount to the contractors and violation of tender conditions.

3. In the reference third read above, the then Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW, has been requested to take immediate action to initiate criminal action against Smt. D.S. Vijayalakshmi, former CDPO, ICDS Project, Kadapa and retired now, as per the extant rules in force, under intimation to the Government, as the stipulated period of four years limitation for initiating the disciplinary proceedings against her, is already over under Rule-9 (2) (b) (ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. In the reference fourth read above, the Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defence by denying the allegations made in the Charge and requested to drop further action initiated against them in this case. However, the Charged Officers Smt. K. Leelavathi, PD,DW&CDA(expired on 24.07.2019), Smt. V. Aruna Kumari, Smt. E.M.S. Padmavathi and Smt.S. Sreedevi, CDPO have not submitted their Written Statement of Defence within the stipulated period.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter and having not satisfied the Written Statement of Deference submitted by the Charged Officers have decided to conduct Common Inquiry into the charges framed against all the Charged Officers under Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby appoint Smt. R. Sreelatha, Joint Director(Admn) O/o the Director, WD&CW, Guntur, A.P, as Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 to conduct Inquiry in the charges framed against the Charged Officers.

7. Government also hereby appoint the Project Director, DW&CDA, ICDS Project, Kadapa, as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, on behalf of the disciplinary authority, in support of the articles of charges.

8. The Presenting Officer shall acquaint herself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Officer effectively. She is also requested to obtain and produce documents, if any, required by the Inquiry Officer, during the course of Inquiry.

9. The Inquiry Officer is requested to conduct Inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and submit her report as required under sub-rule 18(i) of the said Rules. Copies of the charge Memos issued to the Charged Officers and the Written Statements of Defence submitted by them are herewith furnished to the Inquiry Officers as required under Rule 20 (7) of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

10. The Director, WD&CW, A.P, Guntur, is requested to take further necessary action in the matter.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

K.DAMAYANTHI
PRINICIAPL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, WD&CW, A.P, Guntur
The individual concerned through the Director, WD&CW, Guntur.
Smt. R. Sreelatha, J.D(Admn), Inquiry Officer
(Through the Director, WD&CW)
Smt. A. Padmana, Project Director, DW&CDA, Kadapa,
Presenting Officer (Through Director, WD&CW)
The Director General, ACB,
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SECTION OFFICER